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Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"What is the law of the land, may I know?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"I cannot go into that now."

Alleged misappropriation of Pithapuram Taluk Board properties.

*2003 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether criminal complaints were filed against the President of the Taluk Board, Pithapuram, for misappropriation of Board properties, etc.;

(b) whether the cases were withdrawn by the Public Prosecutor;

(c) if so, why; and

(d) whether any, and if so, what action is going to be taken by the Government in this matter?

A.—(a) Two members of the Pithapuram Taluk Board brought to the notice of the Government that the President, Taluk Board, Pithapuram, who was also Tanedar of the Pithapuram Estate, had credited certain taluk board revenues to the Pithapuram Estate and that two criminal complaints had been filed against the President before the Second-class Magistrate, Pithapuram. The Government have made enquiries and they understand that the revenues did not belong to the Taluk Board and that the action of the President was *bona fide*.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) The Government do not propose to take any further action in the matter.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"May I know who made this enquiry?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"Which enquiry, Sir?"

Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—"With reference to clauses (b) and (c) the Government say that they have no information. But in reply to clause (a) they say: "The Government have made enquiries and they understand that the revenue did not belong to the Taluk Board and that the action of the President was *bona fide*." May I know whether in the course of that enquiry they did not come across or stumble upon what happens in the law courts?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"No, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—"Who made this enquiry about misappropriation, Sir."

The hon Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"I think it is the President of the District Board."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Administration of endowments by Tanjore Rajas.

*2004 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on a complaint made that the Tanjore District Board has not been properly administering the Tanjore Raja's

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Chatram Funds, Government ordered an enquiry to be made by the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipalities;

(b) whether the Inspector submitted a report in due course to Government;

(c) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, whether Government will be pleased to lay the report on the table of this House together with the orders of Government thereon; and

(d) whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table of this House a statement showing the several classes of endowments made by the Tanjore Rajas now under the management of the Tanjore District Board, the purposes for which the endowments were made, the average annual income from each and the actual purpose for which the amounts are now being utilized?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) An enquiry into the administration of the Chatram Funds has been made by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards though not on any complaint made to Government. The report of the enquiry has been forwarded to the President, District Board, Tanjore, for his remarks and the question of its publication will be considered on their receipt.

(*d*) Information is being collected and will be supplied to the hon. Member in due course.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" May I know when the report from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards was received and when it was sent to the President?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I think the report was received in November last year and sent to the President about the beginning of December."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Is not three months' time sufficient for the President of the District Board to reply?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Well, we have not yet received a reply from the District Board President."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Is it because it is very inconvenient for him to reply that he takes such a long time?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I do not think the hon. Member is right in making such an inference."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Will the hon. Minister expedite the receipt of a reply from the President by issuing a reminder?"

Alleged petitions regarding the appointment of Mr. Venkatrama Mudaliyar to Pallikonda Ranganadhaswami temple.

* 2005 Q.—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations regarding the appointment of Mr. Venkatrama Mudaliyar as trustee to Pallikonda Ranganadaswami temple, North Arcot district;

(b) what action do Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No representation on the subject has been received.